

## THE ARENA OF SPORT.

The college golf clubs continue to increase. Recently Columbia college students organized a club. The men of the College of the City of New York and the University of Pennsylvania have also formed clubs. The other colleges that have entered teams are Yale, Princeton and Columbia. Harvard was invited, but did not accept. Rutgers has a number of players that play on the New Brunswick golf club links, while Amherst, Dartmouth, Exeter and other New England colleges have courses and golfers, clever and enthusiastic.

It is quite probable that the United States Golf association will father the movement to hold an intercollegiate championship next year, as suggested by James Shields Murphy of The Golfer, and the question will no doubt be discussed by the executive committee and presented at the annual meeting. A movement was also suggested for an intercollegiate team championship.

Team matches between Oxford and Cambridge on the other side have been held for many years and have been among the leading intercollegiate fixtures of the two colleges. Oxford has won eight times and Cambridge nine times.—Exchange.

## Anxious For the Fight.

Now that Bob Fitzsimmons has gone to San Francisco, where he is matched to meet Tom Sharkey in a ten round contest before the Occidental Athletic club on Dec. 9 for a purse of \$10,000, the sporting men of this country only hope that nothing will prevent the contest from taking place. Every one is anxious to see what chance Sharkey has with Fitzsimmons. While they are perfectly satisfied that Lanky Bob will win, they are at present making bets on the number of rounds Sharkey will last. The general opinion is that Sharkey will not last any more than five rounds. Fitzsimmons said before leaving on Saturday that if Sharkey is not a better man when he meets him than he was on the night that he boxed with John L. Sullivan in Madison Square Garden every one can bet that he will put Sharkey to sleep before four rounds are over.—New York World.

## Cyclers Are to Blame.

There have been about 18 fatal bicycile accidents this year in and about New York, and with only two or three exceptions the cyclers have been to blame. Six cyclers have been run over by trucks or wagons, and four of these accidents were due to carelessness on the part of the riders themselves. Four have been run down by cable cars as a result of riding in the cable slot. There have been three collisions between wheelmen riding in opposing directions because of transgression of the rules of the road. There was one accident from coasting and four that were due directly to carelessness. It would seem that with these examples before them wheelmen would exercise more caution.—Buffalo Express.

## Titus Tired of Suspension.

Fred Titus, the old class B racing cycler, who is now under the ban of life suspension from all L. A. W. races, feels aggrieved that C. M. Murphy and L. D. Cabanne, who were suspended with him, are again racing, while the league officials refuse to take any notice of his claims for reinstatement. Titus has made repeated appeals to the racing board for reinstatement. He has now decided to send a petition to the national assembly for a removal of his suspension, and it is said that he will ask Chief Consul Potter to present his petition to that assembly. It is expected that the speedy racer will be reinstated.

## A Bowling Tour.

Another tour of Brooklyn bowlers similar to that of last season is being arranged. The team will leave New York on Jan. 26, playing the same evening either in Goshen or Middletown, N. Y. Buffalo will be the next stopping place, where two days will be spent playing championship games with the Buffalo league clubs. From Buffalo the men will go to Niagara Falls, then to Pittsburg, Wheeling, Bellaire, O., Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, Lawrence, Kan., and Chicago. A regular schedule of games will be mapped out in the above named towns against the strongest teams.

## Football Captains.

The captains of some of the different college football teams in the country are as follows: Harvard, Wrightington; Yale, Murphy; Cornell, Beacham; Princeton, Cockran; Pennsylvania, Wharton; Lafayette, Wallbridge; William, Ryan; Amherst, Warren; Lehigh, Gonsoulos; Dartmouth, McCormack; University of Stanford, Fickert; University of California, Ransome; University of Illinois, Beebe; Brown University, Colby; Carlisle Indians, Pierce; University of Michigan, Serter.

## Sporting Notes.

Ottinger may trot in the east next season. He is at 2:09 1/4, but can trot still faster.

President Maffit of the St. Louis Fair association states that he will retire Dec. 1 at the annual meeting of the association.

George Munroe, the American boxer, is doing well in England. He got a decision over Jack Maloney in ten rounds at Lambeth the other night.

Bray, the Lafayette college full back, played left field on the Cape May baseball team last summer and was about the only good outfielder on that team.

Jack, the 18-year-old son of Pilot Medium, came pretty near making a world's record when he won a third heat at St. Joseph, Mo., recently in 2:13 1/4.

H. H. McLane, an American in London, will offer a trophy worth £100 to the Henley regatta stewards, to be competed for by the crews from the leading colleges of Great Britain and the United States.

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## OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

A Few Fool Election Bets In the Metropolis. High Priced Football—Two Big Bicycle Shows.

[Special Correspondence.]

From the many unprecedented and peculiar conditions surrounding the presidential campaign recently closed it was expected that there would be very few of the usual fool bets made, but it seems that this was a mistake. In fact, there has been a larger crop than usual, and numbers of men are now in the country awaiting the growing out of the half of the mustache which was shaved off as a tribute to party. The idiots who wagered wheelbarrow rides on the result of the election are too numerous to mention, and several of these journeys occur each day on Broadway. Then there is the donkey who has been obliged to sacrifice a circle of hair of the exact size of a silver dollar from the crown of his head. Naturally no bald men were included in this list. The most foolish of all the bets so far reported, however, because it was so dangerous, was one in which the loser agreed to slide head foremost down a 20 foot ladder to the ground. The unfortunate pluckily attempted to live up to the letter of his contract, but as he happened to weigh in the neighborhood of 200 pounds the effort was attended with disaster. He slid beautifully for about five feet, when he lost his grip on the ladder, and the balance of the descent was made in record breaking time. The stopping was the worst phase of the whole affair, though. It was so sudden that the victim will nurse a badly bruised skull and shoulder for several weeks to come.

These are but a few of the many fool bets. The returns are not all in yet, and probably will not be for some time to come. Meanwhile the foolkiller is holding back conspicuously in the happy consciousness that his labors have, for the time being at least, been taken off his hands. Football Charges.

There has been for several years a good deal of quiet kicking over the enormous admission fees charged by the college football teams at their games in this city. This is bad enough of itself, but when it is taken into consideration that, owing to the petty bickerings and jealousies of the leading universities, the team which has proved by its play in the earlier portion of the season to be the strongest is debarred from competing, and that, as a result, we do not get the best that might be provided even for the large prices we pay, the situation is particularly irritating. So long as the public only complained it made very little difference to the gay collegians, because the alumni and the newspapers were either on their side or maintained a discreet silence. But now that these two elements are arrayed against them, the abuse bids fair to be corrected by next season, if not even before then. Exorbitant prices of admission to performances of grand opera, where the artists receive princely salaries for their services, may be all right, but for a game of football between supposed amateurs it is rather rubbing it in a trifling too hard.

## The Luckless Elevator Boy.

He was a boy who worked in a prominent hotel when he wasn't reading "The Boy Train Wrecker; or, Oak Ties Tumbled," on the bench in front of the clerk. Somebody told him that Saturday was a legal holiday, and that toil was not a part of it.

"The boss can't make you work," said the sneaky other boy, who wanted this boy's job; so the latter approached the proprietor.

"You can't make me work Saturday," he said. "It's a holiday."

"I can't make you work any time," responded the boniface; "so you can have a holiday from now until you get strong."

## A Bicycle Show War.

Bicycle circles in this city are much agitated over the certain clash which is approaching with reference to the national annual show. It will be remembered that this has hitherto been held in the Madison Square Garden, and as it has usually proved a source of revenue for that not overremunerative structure it was but natural that Manager Sanger should have wanted it again. Some trouble arose, however, and the powers that be decided that the show should be held at the Grand Central palace, a large building which has so far never justified

the hopes of its projectors in a pecuniary way if their hopes were of anything but the most modest character. Sanger cannot be blamed for not becoming hilarious when this determination was announced to him, for it deprived him not only of the revenue, but also of the prestige attendant upon the national cycle exhibition. He didn't even smile. He became very, very angry and promptly decided to hold a show all by himself in the big Garden. As there is one of the largest manufacturers who never exhibits at the other, he had at least a start, and there were many accessions from makers who were dissatisfied with the management of the previous "annuals." Thus it soon became apparent that Sanger had not been making an idle threat, and that he was really a serious competitor. We are therefore likely to have two first class shows instead of one, as heretofore. And as there is no longer a monopoly in this particular line, there is a probability that the spirit of liberality which has up to the present time been conspicuously absent will once more come to the front. In any event, the dear public, about the welfare of which all bicycle manufacturers are so solicitous, will be likely to be benefited.

New York. JOSEPH RUSSELL

## To Kick the Bucket.

"To kick the bucket" is said to have originated in the time of Queen Elizabeth, when a shoemaker named Hawkins committed suicide under peculiar circumstances, placing a bucket on a table in order to raise himself high enough to reach a rafter above, then kicking away the bucket on which he stood.

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